

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 1. (Currently amended) A vehicle armrest hinged
2 structure comprising:
3 a support;
4 a hinge on said support and having at least one hinge arm
5 swingable about a hinge axis on said support said hinge arm having
6 notches at opposite ends thereof;
7 an armrest connected by said hinge with said support and
8 swingable about said axis through a predetermined maximum angular
9 range, said armrest having a hook engageable in one of said
10 notches; and
11 a disengaging element on said armrest normally engaged
12 with said arm in the other of said notches and enabling joint
13 rotation of said hinge arm and said armrest, but disengaging said
14 arm upon application of a force to said armrest exceeding a
15 limiting force upon swinging of said armrest relative to said
16 support, said armrest being fully detachable and removable from
17 said hinge, and said hinge arm and separable from said axis when
18 said limiting force is exceeded.

1 2. (previously presented) The hinge structure defined in
2 claim 1 wherein said disengaging element is a member slidable
3 longitudinally in a guide formed in said armrest and engaging a
4 free end of said arm, said armrest disengaging from said arm with a
5 rotational movement.

1 3. (previously presented) The hinge structure defined in
2 claim 2, further comprising a stop in said armrest limiting the
3 displacement of said disengaging element.

1 4. (Original) The hinge structure defined in claim 3,
2 further comprising a compression spring bearing on said disengaging
3 element.

1 5. (Original) The hinge structure defined in claim 4
2 wherein said disengaging element is composed of an elastic
3 material.

1 6. (Original) The hinge structure defined in claim 5
2 wherein said elastic material is an elastic synthetic resin.

1 7. (previously presented) The hinge structure defined in
2 claim 5, further comprising a bevel on one of said elements and
3 said arm for camming said arm out of engagement with said element
4 upon displacement of said armrest with said force exceeding
5 limiting force.

1 8. (Original) The hinge structure defined in claim 7
2 wherein said disengaging element engages in a notch in a free end
3 of said arm.

1 9. (previously presented) The hinge structure defined in
2 claim 8 wherein said armrest has a base provided with an opening in
3 which said arm is received, said arm being positioned between upper
4 and lower walls of said base.

1 10. (previously presented) The hinge structure defined
2 in claim 9 wherein said arm is provided with a notch opposite a
3 free end of said arm and said ~~armrest~~ is hook has a projection
4 engaging in said notch.

1 11. (Original) The hinge structure defined in claim 10
2 wherein said projection is rounded.